GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1234
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2000
PENSION TO SOLDIERS OF SECOND WORLD WAR
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the pitiable condition of the vanishing tribe of Second World War veterans who were demobilised after Second World War without any pension;

(b) if so, whether the Government have made any effort to obtain information and data about these veterans;

(c) whether any monetary assistance is being provided to these veterans; if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1234 2.3.2000.

During the Second World War a large number of Indians were recruited in the British Indian Army for short periods ranging from 2 to 6 years. At the end of the war, these personnel were discharged with payment of service gratuity as full compensation for the service rendered by them. They are not eligible for pension as they had not put in requisite qualifying service. As per available information there are at present 99697 World War II veterans and 61917 widows. Such of these veterans and widows who have no other source of income are granted financial assistance upto Rs.1000/- per month from the Raksha Mantri's Discretionary fund.Various State Governments also give financial assistance to the needy veterans as per the Annexure.

ANNEXURE

WORLD WAR II VETERANS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Sl.No	State/UT	Rs. per month
1.	ANDHRA PRADESH	100
2.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	100
3.	BIHAR	100
4.	DELHI	500
5.	GOA	500
6.	HARYANA	200
7	HIMACHAL PRADESH	100
8.	KARNATAKA	500
9.	KERALA	200
10.	MADHYA PRADESH	250
11.	MAHARASHTRA	300
12.	MIZORAM	200
13.	ORISSA	100

14. PUNJAB 200
15. RAJASTHAN 300
16. SIKKIM 75
17. TAMIL NADU 150
18. TRIPURA 300
19. UTTAR PRADESH 250
20. WEST BENGAL 100
21. CHANDIGARH 150
22. PONDICHERY UT 500